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| Application No.: 10/521,774 |) | Group Art Unit: 3753 |
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| For: HEAT EXCHANGER AND REACTOR |) | |
| HEATER USING THE SAME |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. The following documents are in a language other than English.

(a) JP 2001-349524: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 2, lines 3-20, of the present application, from the attached English language abstract, and from the figures therein.

(b) JP 61-013171: The relevance of this document can be understood from the PCT International Search Report of the PCT application from which this application is a National Stage and from the figures therein. A copy of the PCT International Search Report is enclosed.

(c) EP 1016777: The relevance of this document can be understood from the PCT International Search Report, from the attached English language abstract, and from the figures therein.

(d) JP 2002-188435: The relevance of this document can be understood from the PCT International Search Report, from the attached English language abstract, and from the figures therein.

(e) JP 11-264679: The relevance of this document can be understood from the PCT International Search Report, from the attached English language abstract, and from the figures therein.

(f) JP 50-061509: The relevance of this document can be understood from the PCT International Search Report, from the attached English language abstract, and from the figures therein.

(g) Hanamura et al. article: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 2, lines 3-20, of the present application and from the figures therein.

(h) Maruta et al. article: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 2, lines 3-20, of the present application and the figures therein.

(i) Nihon Keizai Sangyo Shimbun article: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 2, lines 3-20, of the present application and from the figures therein.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that any better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

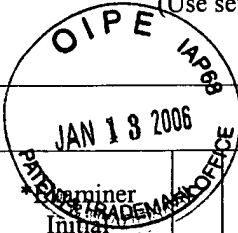
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